

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 2, 2020  
3:30 p.m. (CST)  
Commission Room-Becker Hansen Building  
700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD

Board Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. (CST)

Board Members Present:

Chair June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation  
Vice Chair Jay Vogt – State Historical Society  
David Flute, Secretary, Dept. of Tribal Relations  
Cole Irwin – Dept. of Tourism

Board Secretary:

Nicole Schneider - Dept. of Tribal Relations

Board Members Not Present:

Patrick Snyder - Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources

Others Present:

None

#1 – Roll Call

Board Secretary Schneider called the roll. There were four members present.

Chair Hansen asked if there were any objections to modifying the agenda to add an informational item on legislation under #8--Other Business. By general consent the board agreed to modifying the agenda.

#2 – October 8, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the October 8, 2020 Board meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Chair Hansen noted that she corrected the date in the minutes as she was preparing them. Vogt moved approval of the minutes. Flute seconded. The motion passed unanimously of the members present. The minutes were approved as written.

#3 – Formal Action on Proposed Names for unnamed Creek in Hughes County

Chair Hansen noted that the board's proposed name is Arikara Creek, and three additional public comments were received. There was no formal opposition to the

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name Arikara Creek. Vogt moved approval of the proposed name Arikara Creek. Irwin seconded. There was discussion about the additional comments received. Chair Hansen noted that she would reply to the public comment received by mail with a written letter thanking the individual for their comments, if there were no objections from the board. The motion passed unanimously of the members present. The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) will recommend the name Arikara Creek to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN)– Domestic Names Committee

#### #4 – New Request to name unnamed hill in Pennington County

Chair Hansen informed the board that the USBGN . passed the SDBGN . a proposal to name a hill on the campus of the S.D. School of Mines and Technology. She noted that the feature is located on state property and will require outreach to the SDSMT administration and the S.D. Board of Regents.

#### #5--Review proposed process for public input on request to name unnamed hill in Pennington County:

Board Chair Hansen discussed the public involvement process for this unnamed hill in Pennington County. The proposed name is Smelter Hill. The proposed timeline for the public involvement process is as follows:

- a. 45-day comment period to solicit input on proposed name for feature (January 29, 2021)
- b. Notification to individuals/groups on contact list for feature (January 29, 2021)
- c. Deadline for comment period (March 15, 2021)
- d. Schedule Public Meeting/Board Meeting either Pierre or in Rapid City (March 2021)
- e. 30-day comment period on proposed name for feature (April 1-30, 2021)
- f. Notification to individuals/groups on contact lists for feature (April 1, 2021)
- g. Deadline for comment period (April 30, 2021)
- h. Board Meeting for Final Vote on Recommendation to USBGN (May 2021)

By general consent the board agreed to the proposed timeline for the Pennington County unnamed feature.

#### #6—Public Comment on other agenda or non-agenda items

No public comment provided

#### #7—Election of Officers (Chair & Vice Chair)

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There was discussion about election of officers. With Vice Chair Vogt's retirement the board needs a new Vice Chair and the Chair felt it was a good time to open the floor for nominations for both offices. Secretary Flute recommended June Hansen remain as chair and incoming member who replaces Jay Vogt as vice chair. Chair Hansen indicated that the board should select an interim vice chair until the new member joins the board. Also there was a member of the board missing who may be interested in the office. She opened the floor for nominations.

Secretary Flute nominated June Hansen for chair. There were no additional nominations. Secretary Flute moved that June Hansen serve as chair of the SDBGN. Seconded by Jay Vogt. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously of the members present.

Jay Vogt moved that Secretary Flute serve as interim vice chair. . Seconded by Cole Irwin. The motion passed unanimously of the members present. The board will select a permanent vice chair at the next meeting.

#### #8—Other Business

The proposed legislation will update a reference to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names standards manual. It currently states 1997 edition and there is a 2016 edition.

The board thanked Vice Chair Vogt for his services to the SDBGN. Vogt was an original member of the board when it was formed in 2009. Vogt's expertise and knowledge will be missed.

#### #9—Schedule Next Board Meeting

The tentative date for the next meeting is March 24, 2021 1:30-2:30 p.m. (CDT). The location is to be determined.

Secretary Flute moved to adjourn. Vogt seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Nicole M. Schneider, Board Secretary